

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 93**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Senator McConnell	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	16-3-1700
SUBJECT:	Stalking and Harassment Law		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 93 would amend various statutes relating to harassment so as to, among other things, redefine and clarify penalties for stalking and harassment, require that when a restraining order is issued as a condition of bond that the order be sent to the court of the victim, and require that a mental evaluation be conducted before bail is set on a stalking or harassment charge.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Corrections and the Judicial Department indicate there will be a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding. There would be no fiscal impact on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Local government responses indicate there would be no cost associated with enactment or they would minimal and absorbable. One locality anticipated additional cost but could not estimate the impact.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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